

Oral Health Task Force Brainstorming List (by agenda topic – January 14, 2005)

Topic	Item
Education - Loan Forgiveness/Tuition Assistance	Expand loan forgiveness to other areas of the state beyond health professional shortage areas.
Education - Loan Forgiveness/Tuition Assistance	By statute, fund tuition support to individuals practicing in rural settings, PHPSA.
Education - Loan Forgiveness/Tuition Assistance	Tie tuition reimbursement/load forgiveness to those who practice in Wisconsin no matter where they study dentistry.
Education - Marquette University Dental School	State to fund 5-plus dental spots at Marquette who commit to serve low-income patients.
Education - Marquette University Dental School	Increase number of in-state students at Marquette to 50.
Education - Marquette University Dental School	Increase funding for Wisconsin residents at Marquette to 50% of tuition costs.
Education - Public Health Education for Providers	Provide general dentists more training in oral health for children under 3
Education - Public Health Education for Providers	Implement public service training in oral health programs.
Education - Public Health Education for Providers	Efforts to diversify oral health professional pool.
Education - Public Health Education for Providers	Reg and Licensing requirement of public service training for licensure for all oral health professionals
Expand Access to Oral Health Care at Non-Traditional Sites	Community health centers contract dentists for services (public/private) Better connection and referral sources.
Expand Access to Oral Health Care at Non-Traditional Sites	Provide funding for portable/mobile equipment at each DHFS region.

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Expand Access to Oral Health Care at Non-Traditional Sites	Screening children at day care (like Head Start)
Expand Access to Oral Health Care at Non-Traditional Sites	Tele-dentistry: minimize legislative restrictions in place.
Expand Access to Oral Health Care at Non-Traditional Sites	Mandate that hospitals have dental staff on board (or know when to send patient to a dentist)
Expand Access to Oral Health Care at Non-Traditional Sites	Find solution to nursing home workforce issues.
Expand Access to Oral Health Care at Non-Traditional Sites	More school based dental clinics.
Expand Access to Oral Health Care at Non-Traditional Sites	Access federal dollars – Medical and Dental sides – DSH program expand to include dental (add on for those serving disproportionate care).
Foreign-Trained Dentists	Investigate the possibility for a 1 year residency program for foreign trained dentists as a pathway for licensure.
Foreign-Trained Dentists	Develop Reg and Licensing pathway with minimal hoops for foreign trained dentists.
Government Actions Required	Add more public health RDH in five DHFS public health regions, and/or in each county.
Government Actions Required	Coordinate EPSDT mandates (starting at 3 years old) with HAP and AAPD recommendations for dental care starting at 1 year old.
Government Actions Required	Establish a collaborative practice arrangement by statute.
Government Actions Required	Coordinate accreditation standards to match statutes and rules
Government Actions Required	Tax vending machines in schools that sell soda

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Hygienists - Duties	Explore similar relationship between DDS and RDH as between PAs and MDs.
Hygienists - Duties	Provide funding for Dental Hygienist adjuncts to provide care (Early childhood, disabled, special needs)
Hygienists - Duties	Establish dental therapist according to Alaska model
Hygienists - Duties	Allow dental hygienists to determine the need for dental sealants and place them.
Hygienists - Duties	Expanded delegation of functions for dental assistants and hygienists.
Hygienists - Duties	Establish self regulation for dental hygienists
Hygienists - Education	Train more dental hygienists to become teachers – Explore possibility of creating master level RDH program in Wisconsin.
Hygienists - Education	Develop a BS for advanced practice RDH.
Hygienists - Education	Eliminate 2-year waiting lists at Tech Colleges, increase capacity.
Hygienists - Education	Don't create distinctions between 2 year and 4 year RDHs. Keep same licensure process for bachelor and tech degree.
Hygienists - Expanded Sites	Allow RDHs to do exam/screening for children entering Kindergarten -- mandate recommended follow-ups.
Hygienists - Expanded Sites	Increase practice settings where RDHs can work without supervision.
Hygienists - Expanded Sites	Increase job opportunities for RDHs 1) Increase practice settings 2) Increase scope of practice
Hygienists - Expanded Sites	Public health model for utilization of RDHs and Assistants at community health sites (to limit need for dentists to be there)

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Medicaid	DHFS make MA paperwork like commercial insurance
Medicaid	When dental visit involves dental assessment, MA should cover.
Medicaid	Funding for case management/follow-up for care needed based on out-of-office screen. (MA)
Medicaid - Expansion of Providers that Receive Reimbursement	Certify RDH as certified MA providers
Medicaid - HMO	Restorative services out of HMOs
Medicaid - HMO	Eliminate MA HMOs for dental care
Medicaid - Reimbursement Rates Based on Service or Level of Service	Funding for MA dentists with a history of serving MA patients.
Medicaid - Reimbursement Rates Based on Service or Level of Service	Allow cost based dental reimbursements to critical access programs.
Medicaid - Reimbursement Rates for Dentists	Raise reimbursement rates for oral health professionals to the 75th percentile.
Medicaid - Reimbursement Rates for Dentists	Find ways to increase revenue to be used to increase reimbursement – user fees.
Medicaid - Reimbursement Rates for Dentists	Increase reimbursement rates to cover costs.
Prevention - Fluoride	Collaboration with pediatricians on fluoride varnish programs/screenings.
Prevention - Fluoride	Provide funding to subsidize communities who fluoridate their water supply.
Prevention - Fluoride	Provide funding for fluoride varnish programs at WIC and Head Start.

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Prevention - Fluoride	Behind the counter sales of fluoride varnish
Prevention - Public Education	Remove desserts from all Head Start programs.
Prevention - Public Education	Early intervention tools and education to prevent dental disease.
Prevention - Public Education	Funding for public education and supplies.
Prevention - Public Education	Mandate dental screening/exams for kids entering kindergarten.
Prevention - Public Education	Develop TV and other media to educate public about dental disease 1) Prevention 2) Transmissibility
Prevention - Public Education	Remove soda machines from schools
Prevention - Public Education	DPI mandate for school oral health education if school has over 70% of low income level children.
Prevention - Public Education	Educate patients on how to be good oral health patients – educate on clear expectations.
Prevention - Sealants	Place sealants on primary teeth in high risk population (like Head Start).
Shortage Areas	Look at possible incentive based programs to attract oral health professionals to rural/shortage areas – i.e. tax breaks.
Shortage Areas	MA pilot program with a sunset to provide incentives (increase reimbursement rates, loan forgiveness, tax incentives) for oral health professionals taking MA patients or working in shortage areas.